the study of the method of execution of death sentence. The study is still in progress. As and when consultation paper is finalised, it will be circulated to all concerned, Bar Councils, leading lawyers for inviting their views on it.

Advisory Body on use of modern technology in judicial system

1182. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Advisory Body has been constituted to develop a national vision and strategy to effectively use modern technology to enhance the judicial system in the country; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the said Body?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Information Technology has constituted an Advisory Body with the approval of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Minister of Communications & Information Technology.

(b) The Terms of Reference of the Advisory Body are as follows:-

1. To consider the expectations of the various stakeholders including judges, litigants, lawyers, the Government, the law enforcement machinery, court employees, media, the public and other concerned parties from the judicial system of the country and to examine the manner in which modern Information and Communication Technologies could help to achieve them.

2. To suggest the overall vision for the use of Information and Communication Technology in courts across the country having regard to the above expectations of the various stakeholders in terms of convenience, transparency, ease of access, reliability and speed. The vision would take into account both global best practices and Indian conditions and needs.

3. To identify specific goals in relation to the overall vision that can be achieved within the short and medium term (*i.e.*, 2-4 years).

4. To determine the broad criteria for evaluation and monitoring the

success of actual implementation with reference to the goals laid down.

5. To recommend a strategy for progressive implementation in the judicial system including the Supreme Court, High Courts, District and Subordinate Courts after considering such inputs from experts/consultants as considered necessary.

6. To suggest the most appropriate manner of funding the programme in order to ensure sustainability, replicability and consistent quality of service.

7. To communicate and propagate the vision to all sections of society likely to be impacted by the changes.

8. To recommend strategies to enhance access to the justice system particularly by the geographically, economically and socially disadvantaged sections of society through use of ICT.

9. To review at appropriate intervals and whenever required, the implementation with reference to the goals set and to amend, alter or enhance the vision and goals from time to time.

10. To alter the scope of Terms of Reference to the extent considered necessary from time to time in order to achieve the overall objective desired.

11. To advise the Committee of Judges on all the above issues.

Rules under the Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002

1183. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed the rules under the Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002, for permanent Lok Adalats;

(b) if so, the details of the rules that have been framed by Government;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for issuing notification for implementation of the Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?